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HOUSE BILL 158

Short Title: Plate Background/State Fish Plates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Queen, Murry, West, and Tine (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATES HAVE A "FIRST IN FLIGHT" BACKGROUND, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATES FOR THE NATIVE BROOK TROUT AND RED DRUM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-63(b1) reads as rewritten:

"(b1) The following special registration plates do not have to be a "First in Flight" plate as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The design of the plates that are not "First in Flight" plates must be approved by the Division and the State Highway Patrol for clarity and ease of identification. ~~When the Division registers a vehicle or renews the registration of a vehicle on or after July 1, 2015, the Division must send the owner a replacement special license plate in a standardized format in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and G.S. 20-79.4(a3).~~

- (1) Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- (2) Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- (3) Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.
- (4) Friends of the Appalachian Trail.
- (5) NC Coastal Federation.
- (6) In God We Trust.
- (7) Stock Car Racing Theme.
- (8) Buddy Pelletier Surfing Foundation.
- (9) Guilford Battleground Company.
- (10) National Wild Turkey Federation.
- (11) North Carolina Aquarium Society.
- (12) First in Forestry.
- (13) North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation.
- (14) NC Trout Unlimited.
- (15) Ducks Unlimited.
- (16) Lung Cancer Research.
- (17) NC State Parks.
- (18) Support Our Troops.
- (19) US Equine Rescue League.
- (20) Fox Hunting.
- (21) Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina.
- (22) Hospice Care.



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- 1 (23) Home Care and Hospice.
- 2 (24) NC Tennis Foundation.
- 3 (25) AIDS Awareness.
- 4 (26) Donate Life.
- 5 (27) Farmland Preservation.
- 6 (28) Travel and Tourism.
- 7 (29) Battle of Kings Mountain.
- 8 (30) NC Civil War.
- 9 (31) North Carolina Zoological Society.
- 10 (32) United States Service Academy.
- 11 (33) Carolina Raptor Center.
- 12 (34) Carolinas Credit Union Foundation.
- 13 (35) North Carolina State Flag.
- 14 (36) NC Mining.
- 15 (37) Coastal Land Trust.
- 16 (38) ARTS NC.
- 17 (39) Choose Life.
- 18 (40) North Carolina Green Industry Council.
- 19 (41) NC Horse Council.
- 20 (42) Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.
- 21 (43) Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Inc.
- 22 (44) Native Brook Trout.
- 23 (45) Red Drum."

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 1.1 of S.L. 2011-392 is repealed.

25 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding new subdivisions to read:

26 "(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

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28 ( ) Native Brook Trout. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in  
 29 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Native  
 30 Brook Trout" with a picture of a Brook Trout native to North Carolina in the  
 31 background.

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33 ( ) Red Drum. – Issuable to the registered owner of a motor vehicle in  
 34 accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the phrase "Red Drum"  
 35 with a picture of a Red Drum native to North Carolina in the background.

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37 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

38 "(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge a single  
 39 Legion of Valor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War registration plate to a  
 40 recipient of a Legion of Valor award, a 100% disabled veteran, and an ex-prisoner of war each  
 41 year. The preceding special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle  
 42 registration fees in G.S. 20-88, if the registered weight of the vehicle is greater than 6,000  
 43 pounds. All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration  
 44 fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

Special Plate	Additional Fee Amount
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National Kidney Foundation	\$30.00
<u>Native Brook Trout</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
North Carolina 4-H Development Fund	\$30.00
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Personalized	\$30.00

1	<u>Red Drum</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
2	Retired Legislator	\$30.00
3	...."	

4           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

5           "(b126) Native Brook Trout. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for  
6 the Native Brook Trout plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer  
7 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the  
8 sale of Native Brook Trout plates to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to be  
9 used to fund public access to and habitat protection of Brook Trout waters.

10          (b127) Red Drum. – The Division must receive 300 or more applications for the Red  
11 Drum plate before the plate may be developed. The Division must transfer quarterly the money  
12 in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Red Drum  
13 plates to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to be used to fund public access to  
14 and habitat protection of Red Drum waters."

15           **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.